



(The following information comes from a weekly update supplied concerning the tribal government, local communities and issues that affect overall tribal business. The department or persons involved is shown at the end of each item. If the item is general in nature, PI will appear for Public Information)

(Cultural related items)

- **Language.** The tribal language instructor, Kenny Pheasant is reviewing the possibilities of having the local Cable Access Channel in Manistee run a regularly scheduled Anishinaabek language program. The Public Information Director is a tribal representative to the Cable Commission and is helping set up tribal programming for the future. (Language/Historical/PI)

(Tribal Government-Department items)

- **Members Assistance.** The 2005 Community Wellbeing and Support Survey has been completed and released by Director Ivinson. It is a study based upon input from tribal members and reflects various conditions and situations regarding the wellbeing of our citizens. (Members Assistance)
- **Elder's General Welfare Assistance Act.** Tribal Council is continuing to meet with Elders in the Dome Room (Downtown Bank Building) on Thursdays at 1 p.m. to discuss proposed changes to the *Elder's General Welfare Assistance Act*. Council and the Elders are reviewing options available to the tribe. (Council)
- **Employee Recognition Program.** The voluntary Employee Recognition Committee (Department Directors) announced the December and January recipients of the award. They are Sadie Riffle, HR Benefits Administrator and Chris Varenhorst from MIS.
- **Tax Department.** The quarterly Tribal tax returns were filed by the Tribal Enterprise. The tax officer has prepared the quarterly Tribe/State tax sharing return and is currently working on the annual reconciliation return. Address changes for the month were submitted to Michigan Treasury and the tax office has fielded a lot of questions about 1099's, annual sales tax credits and resident tribal member exemptions.

(Emergency Management items)

- **Building Safety/Security.** The Building safety group met to review the status of studies and options to improve the overall safety for tribal facilities. Progress is being made on initiatives dealing with facility, personnel, equipment and general security issues. The group has met with ADT Security Services to discuss some of the possible approaches to improving the securing of the Bank Building. (BSG)

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